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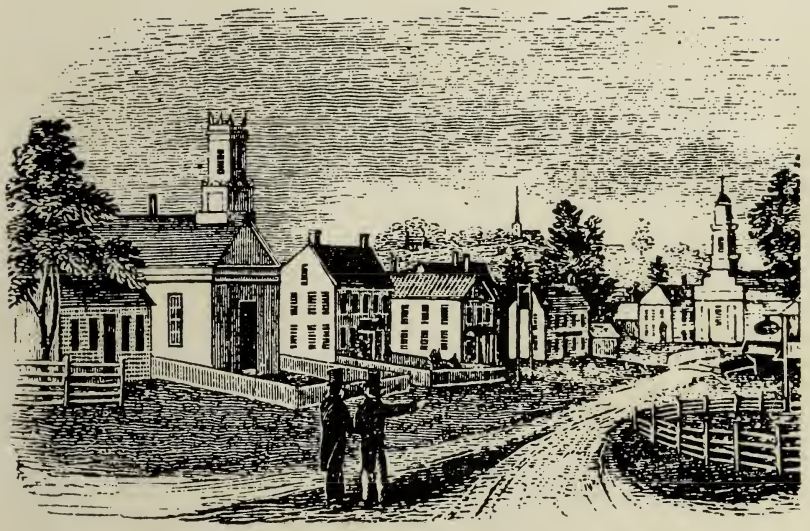

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MASSACHUSETTS

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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ANNA E. WATSON

This town report would not be complete if we failed to include an expression of our deep gratitude to Miss Watson, who is completing 30 years of incomparable service to the Town of Williamsburg.

Her ability as treasurer is recognized and commended most highly by the Mass. Division of Accounts, the Auditors and everyone who has any knowledge of her work.

We sincerely hope she will be able to continue to serve us for many years to come.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of $650.00 for Moth Work and $1,200.00 for Elm Trees, sum to be expended if necessary under the direction of the Moth Superintendent or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Water Commissioners and Board of Selectmen to appoint their members to other positions.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds, the sum of $25,000.00 to pay the School Bonds due in 1955. The State's share of this money to be returned to available funds when received from the State, or take any other action thereon. OK

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate $1,630.00 from the Collins Fund and $1,800.00 from the Spelman Fund to pay the interest due in 1955 on the School Bonds and instruct the Assessors to use this $3,430.00 as estimated receipts in figuring the tax rate, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to install two culverts and provide 60 yards of gravel for the Old Goshen Road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Surplus Revenue from the former School Building Committee, the sum of $392.24

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds, the sum of $1,400.00 for the rent of a power grader, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to use from Free Cash, the sum of $10,000.00 to reduce taxation.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Tool Building account, the sum of $3,077.79 to Water Available Surplus Account, or take any other action thereon. yes

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the sum of $550.00, the ~~Finance Reserve~~ Fund, this being money transferred in 1954 to meet emergency, or take any other action thereon. yes

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, the sum of $100.00 to provide a heater, table and chairs for the Observation Post, or take any other action thereon.

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, the sum of $100.00 to provide heat and light for the Observation Post, or take any other action thereon.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to put in a 6 inch water main on Eastern Avenue or take any other action thereon.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to pay Milton Rice the sum of $500.00 for land damages on Ashfield Road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 42. To see if the Town will approve the plans of the Town Hall Restoration Committee and to appropriate a sum not to exceed $17,000.00; $2,000.00 to be taken from free cash, $15,00.00 to be paid over a period of 5 years by means of a bond issue under the Acts of 1948, Chapter 275 and that a committee of 5 be appointed by the Moderator to see that this project is completed within one year or take any other action thereon.

Town Officers

As of Dec. 31, 1954

	Term Expires
Selectmen:	
Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1955
Frank Paul	1957
Town Clerk:	
Charles W. Wells	1955
Town Treasurer:	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1955
Assessors:	
Vernon P. West	1956
Jos. Dymerski	1957
Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1955
Tax Collector:	
Barbara W. Swanda	1955
Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
Richard F. Watling	1955
School Committee:	
Eleanor Mansfield	1955
Eleanor Ballway	1956
Kenneth Sherk	1956
Norman Graves	1955
Stanley Soltys	1956

Constables:

Charles Cross	1955
Vardic Golash	1955

Board of Health:

Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955
Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Chairman	1956
Bernard Reardon	1957

Water Commissioners:

Robert Wells	1957
David Dewey	1955
Ralph Mason, Jr.	1957

Tree Warden:

David Dewey	1955

Trustees of Haydenville Library:

Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
Miss Lora Phinney	1957
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1955

Trust Fund Commissioners:

Arthur J. Polmatier	1955
Roswell S. Jorgenson	1957
Frederick Smith	1956

Recreation Committee:

Kenneth Beals	1955
Barbara Hathaway	1957
Richard Graves, Chairman	1956

Moderator:

John H. Breguet	1955

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 18, 1954 as follows: Donald Outhuse, chairman; Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., clerk and Veterans' Agent, and Frank Paul, chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

There were two special town meetings held during the year. The November meeting lacked a quorum and no business was transacted.

Chapter 90 construction was completed on Mountain Street and rest of Ashfield Road.

Chapter 90 Special Grant on Route 143 (Chesterfield Road) was not completed.

Chapter 81 work was done on Nash Street.

Due to the serious infestation of Gypsy Moth, most of the town was sprayed with aerial spraying. This was done in cooperation with the state with excellent results.

Sanding of the roads was let out to contract again this year. Trucks were hired to help on construction work, this being a saving to the town.

The windows have been installed in the Town Hall. The contract to paint the outside has been let, the work to be done as soon as possible in the spring.

We wish to sincerely thank the other town officers, committees and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

We recommend the purchase of a power grader for use on our roads. It is nearly impossible, with present equipment, to keep our roads in acceptable condition. We believe this machine would more than pay for itself if purchased on a rental plan.

During the year we were saddened by the death of Howard Baker, our town accountant for so many years. He was always ready to help us with his advice and council and gave us many hours of his own time. We were very fortunate in obtaining Warren McAvoy to fill this very important position. His work so far more than justifies his appointment.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR.

FRANK PAUL

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect two School Committeemen, one for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, one Tax Collector, all for a term of three years. Three Water Commissioners, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $7,500.00, the County and State's share of the expense and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of this Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and the County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement under this Chapter, such sums to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account, the State's share to be returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $605.57 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of $6,904.14 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1954 to the Road Machinery Account of 1955.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1955 to February 28, 1956, who shall maintain an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts: that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 to complete the addition

to the Williamsburg Fire Station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to hear a report of the special committee appointed by the moderator as per Article #4 on the warrant of the special town meeting held on July 8, 1954, to bring in plans and recommendations on the Haydenville Fire Station; and/or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of $4,000.00 to reserve account under jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 to pay Carl King for land damage caused by Chapter 90 road improvement, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of $4,500.00 for work on Chesterfield Road. Said $4,500.00 to be returned to available funds when received from the State.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 to erect a sign "Children Playing" near the ball field on Fairfield Avenue.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $500.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the Additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.

1956 - 405.00 interest

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $450.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the Additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1955, or take any other action thereon. yes

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the Water Extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium, or take any other action thereon. yes 56 82.50

Article 25. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of $137.50 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest which is due in 1955 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon. yes

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to hear Mr. Gordon B. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor, give a short report on the tax map he is preparing.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the revaluation committee to negotiate and receive bids and contract for appraisal of the town, said contract to be submitted for approval and appropriation at a later meeting, or take any other action thereon. and bids

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee refers you to the Town Accountant's report wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from Reserve fund for year of 1954. The reason for the action was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments which occurred during the year.

Your Finance Committee would remind all departments that they are required to live within their appropriations as voted by Town meetings.

We also wish to call the attention to all Departments that they should notify Finance Committee of any financial emergency when it arises and not wait until the end of the year.

The Finance Committee has met with all departments and have discussed ways and means of keeping Budget Request in line with the ability of people to pay.

All articles in the Warrant calling for appropriations have been acted upon and will be reported at Town Meeting.

The Committee have given careful consideration to our tax rate and have acted to the best of their ability to keep appropriations within proper limits, but also have given consideration to determine that each department will function properly during the year of 1955.

Your attention is called to the serious financial condition of the Water Department and urge the Water Com-

missioners to take concerted action to clean this matter up as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS BLACK
MARTIN DUNPHY
MRS. VIOLA FRASER
MRS. JOSEPH HOBBS
JOHN JONES
ROY LEONARD
MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER
WINFIELD SMITH
LEONARD WALPOLE

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1955

	1954 Approp.	1954 Expended	1955 Request	1955 Recm.
Moderator				
Salary	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	35.00	25.00	40.00	40.00
	$4,035.00	$4,025.00	$4,040.00	$4,040.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, chairman	$300.00	$300.00	$300.00	$300.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	300.00	299.98	300.00	300.00
Advertising Notices			50.00	50.00
	$900.00	$899.98	$950.00	$950.00
Treasurer				
Salary	$600.00	$600.00	$900.00	$900.00
Maintenance	300.00	265.63	350.00	350.00
Tax Title Account			75.00	75.00
	$900.00	$865.63	$1,325.00	$1,325.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00
Accountant				
Salary	$500.00	$500.00	$750.00	$750.00
Maintenance	100.00	107.28	100.00	100.00
New Equipment			100.00	100.00
	$600.00	$607.28	$950.00	$950.00

Assessors				
Salaries	$550.00	$550.00	$550.00	$550.00
Maintenance	250.00	249.50	250.00	250.00
	$800.00	$799.50	$800.00	$800.00
Town Clerk				
Salary	$200.00	$200.00	$300.00	$300.00
Maintenance	300.00	301.03	352.50	352.50
Elections and Registrations	400.00	666.50	335.00	335.00
	$900.00	$1,167.53	$987.50	$987.50
Tax Collector				
Salary	$600.00	$600.00	$600.00	$600.00
Maintenance	475.00	475.00	475.00	475.00
	$1,075.00	$1,075.00	$1,075.00	$1,075.00
General Government				
Town Hall	$2,000.00	$942.07	$750.00	$750.00
Town Shed	150.00	108.27	150.00	150.00
Legal Consultation	250.00	225.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer, Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	800.00	782.26	500.00	500.00
Town Clocks	125.00	102.19	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	350.00	343.90	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Wood Lot	10.00	7.95	10.00	10.00
Census			250.00	250.00
Gypsy Moth	642.40	72.53		
Dutch Elm Disease	321.20	303.39		
	$4,898.60	$3,137.56	$2,635.00	$2,635.00
Recreation Committee				
Athletic Field	$400.00	$394.31	$500.00	$500.00
Recreation and Equipment	200.00	99.50	100.00	100.00
	$600.00	$493.81	$600.00	$600.00

Police				
Salaries	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00
Telephones and mileage	100.00	107.65	100.00	100.00
Special Police	150.00	141.00	100.00	100.00
Equipment			100.00	100.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,347.79	1,400.00	1,400.00
	$1,850.00	$1,796.44	$1,900.00	$1,900.00
Fire Department				
Salaries, chief	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00
deputy chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
40 firefighters	80.00	76.00	80.00	80.00
Telephone and lights	350.00	591.28	720.00	720.00
Insurance	165.00	148.78	155.00	155.00
Labor at Fires	1,500.00	728.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel	550.00	486.37	400.00	400.00
Equipment Maintenance	505.00	1,034.89	750.00	750.00
Training	500.00	593.59	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,509.71	940.00	940.00
Water Holes	200.00	50.25	100.00	100.00
Building Maintenance	300.00	361.61	705.00	705.00
	$5,500.00	$5.930.74	$5,500.00	$5,500.00
Highways				
Chapter 81	$4,100.00	$4,100.03	$3,150.00	$3,150.00
General and winter	9,000.00	8,860.22	9,000.00	9,000.00
Bridges	1,000.00	993.75	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sidewalk repair			100.00	100.00
Chapter 90 construction	2,500.00	2,500.02	2,500.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.04	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tools	200.00	181.59	200.00	200.00
Street lights	3,100.00	3,056.87	3,120.00	3,120.00
	$20,900.00	$20,692.52	$20,070.00	$20,070.00
				13,420 00
Board of Health				
Public Health (Sanatorium)	$1,800.00	$628.62	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
Barn and animal inspector	60.00	45.00	60.00	60.00
Salary of chairman	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy inspector	75.00		75.00	75.00
Slaughter inspector	125.00	26.00	125.00	120.00

Haydenville dump rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish collection	600.00	412.50	500.00	500.00
Well child clinic	300.00	291.12	300.00	300.00
Town dump caretaker and maintenance	1,385.00	617.90	520.00	520.00
Town dump maintenance			300.00	300.00
Public health administration	165.00	77.42	100.00	100.00
Garbage collection	2,800.00	2,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	$7,610.00	$5,198.56	$5,280.00	$5,280.00

Water Department

Salaries, caretaker and supply	$100.00	$100.00	$150.00	$150.00
Collector of water rents	150.00	150.00		
Caretaker, water shed	100.00	100.00		
Caretaker, chlorinator	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Pipe line maintenance	3,000.00	3,314.49	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water shed	500.00	605.06	500.00	500.00
Chlorinator maintenance	700.00	659.63	300.00	300.00
Well maintenance and pump costs	1,000.00	1,094.52	700.00	700.00
Administration	100.00	140.99	100.00	100.00
	$5,750.00	$6,264.69	$5,850.00	$5,850.00

Public Welfare

General Aid	$3,000.00	$1,381.95	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	24,000.00	24,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Agent's salary	1,659.43	1,659.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	$41,359.43	$39,741.38	$38,700.00	$38,700.00

Veterans' Service

Benefits	$1,300.00	$699.70	$1,300.00	$1,300.00
Agent's salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	150.00	149.70	150.00	150.00
	$1,750.00	$1,149.40	$1,750.00	$1,750.00

Cemeteries				
Mountain Street	$75.00	$75.00	$75.00	$75.00
Old Village Hill	75.00	61.00	75.00	75.00
	$150.00	$136.00	$150.00	$150.00
Library	$400.00	$338.52	$400.00	$400.00
Interest on revenue	$200.00	$130.63	$200.00	$200.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00	1,000.82	1,200.00	1,200.00
	$101,413.03	$95,485.99	$94,397.50	$94,397.50
Schools			$240.00	$240.00
Teachers' salaries	$65,483.21	$65,318.50	$77,523.30	$77,523.30
Special class under Law 514			1,200.00	1,200.00
Janitors' salaries	5,200.00	5,237.38	7,100.00	7,100.00
Janitors' supplies	900.00	583.67	1,100.00	1,100.00
Drawing supervisor	685.55	584.00	630.00	630.00
Music teacher	1,142.22	1,149.84	1,420.00	1,420.00
Superintendent's salary	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Secretary's salary	1,200.00	1,365.90	1,800.00	1,800.00
Union expense	225.00	168.59	225.00	225.00
School nurse and travel expense	685.00	649.00	685.00	685.00
Physicians' salaries	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Transportation	6,670.00	7,240.50	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	2,200.00	2,247.91	2,600.00	2,600.00
Repairs plus rehab. $1,355.65	3,100.00	1,735.56	2,400.00	2,400.00
Sundries	450.00	433.00	450.00	450.00
Books high, $139.73 grades $2,038.03	1,500.00	2,177.76	2,000.00	2,000.00
Classroom supplies	1,200.00	1,483.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office supplies	250.00	226.44	350.00	350.00
Athletics and Transportation	1,112.65	876.50	773.75	773.75
Smith's School Tuition	4,375.00	5,095.42	9,200.00	9,200.00
Smith's School Transportation	1,250.00	1,009.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
New Equipment plus $145.00 funds plus $1,952.49 rehab.	2,170.00	115.92	1,200.00	1,200.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,218.00	1,670.20	1,670.20

Salaries of committee members		350.00	350.00	275.00	275.00
Lights		850.00	917.73	1,300.00	1,300.00
Cafeteria				3,000.00	3,000.00
		$105,578.63	$103,764.18	$131,322.25	$131,322.25
		101,413.03	95,485.99	94,397.50	94,397.50
	105,618.65				
Less 5%	5,281.65				
	100,337.00	100,337.00			

1955 estimated income on account of schools $39,675.58

Total	$206,991.66	$199,250.17	$225,719.75	$225,719.75

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 272 dog licenses issued in 1954, as follows: 166 males, 19 females, 87 spayed females. Six kennel licenses were issued. The sum of $605.40 was paid to the Town treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 551 sporting licenses issued in 1954 for which the sum of $1,842.50 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 48 births were recorded in 1954, including 11 which occurred in 1953 and on which records were received in 1954.

1953		
Oct.	8	Mark Duane Harry
	16	Mark Kevin Wilson
	27	Jean Agnes Clark
Nov.	7	Joan Ann Bohmer
	15	Denice Morin
	18	Mary Louise Newell
	20	Maureen Moynahan
Dec.	3	Henry Thayer Chapin, Jr.
	12	Natalie Joyce West
	23	Jo Ann Neill
1954		
Jan.	2	Donald Ladd Otis
	8	Robert Ernest Turner
	13	Peter Robert Ball
	15	George Arthur Childs

Feb.	1	Amanda Gail Emerson
	8	Susan Irene Ingellis
	20	Wayne Giles Roberge
	20	Charles Wilbur Asher, Jr.
Mar.	2	John Roger McCutcheon
	10	Thomas John Ferron
	12	Michael Anthony Dufresne
Apr.	1	Brian Robert Pichette
	4	Miriam Adella Graves
	10	Herbert Luther Childs
	15	Robert Samuel Edwards
May	8	Steven Francis Dostie
	19	Susan Mary LaCourse
	28	Philip Stanley Graves
June	11	Stanley David Kajka
	17	David Brian Adair
	20	Alan John Baldwin
	26	Colleen Frances Demerski
July	11	Patrice Elaine Brown
Aug.	6	(Female) Paradee
	19	Gilda Lee Rustemeyer
	19	Carlotta Jane Rustemeyer
	21	David Arthur Jenkins
	27	John Byron Lunsford
Sept.	6	Patricia Jo Doyle
	17	Noreen Reardon
	30	Elizabeth P. Papageorge
Oct.	22	Ronald William Matuewezski
	24	Richard Alan Martin
	25	Corinne Michelle Poulin
	27	Susan Marie Soltys
	29	Joseph Earle Crompton
Nov.	15	Charlene Susan Flint
Dec.	1	Russell James Osgood

MARRIAGES

There were 22 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1954, as follows:

Jan.	9	Eleanor A. Hunt, Williamsburg, Mass. Burton L. Rummans, Williamsburg, Mass.
	9	Carole Ruth Harlow, Williamsburg, Mass. Gerald Martin Lavallee, Leeds, Mass.
Feb.	27	Barbara Joan Krawczynski, Northampton, Mass. James Carson, Haydenville, Mass.
	13	Mary Esther Graves, Williamsburg, Mass. Raymond Francis Doyle, Jr., Holyoke, Mass.
Mar.	28	Ruth M. Wells, Williamsburg, Mass. Ralph K. Rhodes, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
May	1	Jane Weeks, Williamsburg, Mass. Allen Hathaway, Williamsburg, Mass.
June	9	Rachel L. Oliver, Williamsburg, Mass. Robert B. Egelston, West Point, N. Y.
	19	Charlotte Cross, Williamsburg, Mass. Anthony Engerman, Turners Falls, Mass.
July	17	Rose J. (Zewinski) Dunn, Turners Falls, Mass. Warren J. Gould, Haydenville, Mass.
	28	Jeanne E. Harlow, Williamsburg, Mass. Glenn Parker Pierce, Goshen, Mass.
Aug.	1	Esther Jane Loomis, Haydenville, Mass. Dorrance Goodwin Bates, Williamsburg, Mass.
	21	Nancy Jane Dunphy, Williamsburg, Mass. Dominick Anthony LeFante, Brooklyn, N. Y.
	21	Patricia Evans, Williamsburg, Mass. Bernard Armes, South Deerfield, Mass.
	27	Ralean (Todd) Bacon, West Chesterfield, Mass. Philip H. Hall, Williamsburg, Mass.

	26	Barbara Theriaque, Westfield, Mass.
		Theodore D. Lemire, Williamsburg, Mass.
Sept.	12	Carmen Dolores Maquirang, Staten Island, N. Y.
		Raymond Milton Rice, Williamsburg, Mass.
	16	Joan Ann Kelley, Northampton, Mass.
		Ralph Baldwin, Williamsburg, Mass.
	25	Shirley May Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass.
		William Raymond Berry, Andalusia, Alabama
	28	Esther S. Bridgman, Florence, Mass.
		Arthur F. LaCasse, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass.
Oct.	2	Janet E. Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass.
		Clayton Leroy King, Topsfield, Mass.
	23	Arlene Lee Carpenter, Northampton, Mass.
		Edmond Joseph LaFond, Williamsburg, Mass.
Nov.	12	Evelyn Morey, Williamsburg, Mass.
		Burt Arthur Church, Chesterfield, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 32 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1954, as follows:

Date		Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.	Min.
1953						
Dec.	12	Charles Heath	73	7	6	
1954						
Jan.	4	Reuben B. Hills	88	0	25	
	11	Frank Leslie Raymond	87	0	0	
	15	Mary E. (Smith) Gale	75	0	25	
	20	Martin Guzik	72	2	9	
	25	Mary Clifford	61	0	0	
	28	Bernard J. Mansfield	49	11	13	
Feb.	3	Charles Blacking	86	3	2	
	4	Herbert Lawton	51	3	4	
Mar.	10	Judson G. Blackman	83	4	21	
	17	Alfred Hendrick	85	0	0	

Apr.	7	Thomas John Ferron	0	0	28	
May	8	Maleville Amy (Buck) Studley	79	0	12	
	26	Henry Tatro	56	1	29	
June	25	Oakley E. Ames	64	5	17	
	27	Bertha Graves	99	5	26	
July	5	Herbert C. Newell	87	5	29	
	8	Arthur J. Polmatier	83	0	21	
	16	Garrard P. Nightingale	73	3	0	
	25	Arthur Beebe	74	2	10	
	26	Howard F. Baker	69	6	30	
Aug.	28	J. Floyd Best	74	3	5	
Sept.	12	Anna B. (Piorkowski) Lentner	60	3	9	
	18	George Oliver	67	2	25	
Oct.	6	Oliver Ducharme	77	8	21	
	12	Orman G. Elmes, Sr.	59	7	21	
	12	Fred Ketchen	60	0	0	
Nov.	2	Grace A. (Sheldon) Graves	84	4	1	
	11	Rebecca Faith Nicholls	0	0	0	12
	15	Ida Torrey Rhodes	76	2	12	
	28	Frank W. Merritt	67	3	0	
Dec.	20	Leon Tiley	51	3	13	

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953:

1951	Excise	$9.37	
	Real Estate	14.10	
1952	Personal Property	442.40	
	Real Estate	3,668.82	
	Excise	163.81	
1953	Poll Tax	10.00	
	Personal Property	3,198.02	
	Real Estate	14,507.75	
	Excise	1,486.01	
Total			$23,500.28

Commitments:

1954	Poll Tax	$1,118.00	
	Personal Property	15,503.13	
	Real Estate	121,358.10	
	Water Liens	480.25	
	Excise	16,839.12	
1953	Excise given in January 1954	757.13	
Total			$156,055.73

Collected and Paid Treasurer:
(Including Interest)

1951	Excise	$11.37
1952	Personal Property	395.32
	Real Estate	3,751.63
	Excise	78.87
1953	Poll Tax	13.53
	Personal Property	3,093.81

	Real Estate	12,654.12	
	Excise	2,027.11	
1954	Poll Tax	1,136.50	
	Personal Property	11,334.70	
	Real Estate	94,428.88	
	Excise	13,538.28	
Total			$142,464.12
Tax Titles:			
1954		$83.15	
		10.35	
			$93.50
Abatements:			
1951	Real Estate	$14.10	
1952	Personal Property	72.80	
	Excise	90.23	
1953	Personal Property	136.94	
	Real Estate	64.44	
	Excise	364.66	
1954	Poll Tax	58.00	
	Personal Property	6.90	
	Real Estate	4,434.01	
	Excise	2,101.53	
Total			$7,343.61
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954:			
1953	Personal Property	$48.60	
	Real Estate	2,005.01	
	Excise	11.09	
1954	Personal Property	4,164.29	
	Real Estate	23,166.72	
	Excise	1,709.65	
Total			$31,105.36

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1954, Balance on hand	$196,515.49	
Receipts for year	561,841.72	
		$758,357.21

Credits

Payments for year	$484,515.63	
Jan. 1, 1955, Balance on hand	273,841.58	
		$758,357.21

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,
Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balance and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation during my stay in office. Our friend, Mr. Howard F. Baker, who had conducted the affairs of this office for so many years is greatly missed and the cooperation received is regarded as a tribute to him.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1952	$3,086.15	
Personal Property 1952	369.60	
Real Estate 1952	933.30	
Taxes 1953	11,703.47	
Poll 1953	8.00	
Personal Property	1,130.17	
Real Estate 1953	7,898.08	
Poll 1954	1,072.00	
Personal Property 1954	11,331.94	
Real Estate 1954	94,302.38	
Water Liens to 1954 Taxes	82.00	
		$131,917.09

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1951	$18.74	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1952	76.96	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1953	2,400.48	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1954	13,508.74	
		$16,004.92
Taxes, State		
Corporation	$6,361.92	
Income Tax	3,611.00	
Income Tax— School Aid, Chapter 70	24,794.53	
Meal	871.74	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	108.91	
		$35,748.10
Licenses:		
Liquor and advertising	$4,829.25	
Board of Health	11.00	
Junk	12.00	
Other	96.00	
		$4,948.25
Permits:		
Pistol	$11.50	
		$11.50
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court	$46.51	
Dog Licenses for County	565.20	
		$611.71
Grants and Gifts:		
County—Dog licenses refund	$458.63	
County—Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	

State—Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	
State—Chapter 81	9,283.98	
U. S. Grant—Old Age Assistance	12,243.54	
U. S. Grant—O. A. A. Administration	551.94	
U. S. Grant—Aid to Dependent Children	5,027.91	
U. S. Grant—A. D. C. Administration	199.07	
U. S. Grant—Disability Assistance	1,900.64	
U. S. Grant—D. A. Administration	55.27	
State—School Transportation	4,641.74	
State—School Superintendent and Travel	1,398.76	
Public Health—State	1,192.85	
State—Reimbursement on Inspector of Animals	30.00	
		$38,984.33

Departmental Revenue:		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	$44.25	
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,456.51	
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns	763.41	
Old Age Assistance—State	13,536.30	
Veterans' Benefits—State	234.00	
Disability Assistance and Administration—State	1,663.77	
Schools—Tuition	$2,687.21	
State Wards Tuition	928.20	
State Wards Transportation	76.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	32.25	
		$23,421.90

Vocational Education Reimbursement	$2,660.96	
Water Rents	6,819.81	
Water Miscellaneous	179.74	
Water Lien Fees	2.00	
State Aid to Highways 1953	4,496.65	
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	774.00	

Tax Collector's Fees	193.10	
Water Surplus, County Extension and check recovery	807.75	
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,022.50	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	9,700.00	
School Bond Premium	318.50	
School Bond Issue	245,000.00	
Trust Funds	15,000.00	
State—Abatements to Paraplegic Veterans	144.90	
School Athletic Fund	446.85	
Sale of Land	36.00	
Sale of Tires, Fire Dept.	22.50	
Sale of Town Histories	10.50	
Refunds	29.57	
Miscellaneous Departments	6.00	
		$292,671.33
Federal Withholding Tax	$11,798.40	
Employees Retirement Deductions	757.67	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	789.20	
		$13,345.27
Interest		
Taxes, Real and Personal	$647.29	
Taxes, Motor Vehicle Excise	31.14	
Treasurer's Deposit	100.00	
		$778.43
Income—H. M. Hills Fund	$62.50	
Collins School Fund	1,118.05	
Whiting Street Fund	153.28	
Electa Waite Fund	53.20	
A. S. Hills Fund	150.00	
Mary L. Main Fund	75.00	
Byron Loomis Fund	223.08	
O. G. Spelman Fund	966.97	
Ethel Curry Fund	25.00	
C. J. Hills Fund	150.00	
Cemetery Fund	39.76	

Lyman Waite Fund	19.25	
Albert D. Sanders Fund	162.70	
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	75.10	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	125.00	
		$3,398.89
Total Receipts		$561,841.72
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		$196,515.49
		$758,357.21

PAYMENTS

Moderator's Salary		$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	$600.00	
Selectmen's Maintenance	299.98	
		$899.98
Accountant's Salary	$500.00	
Accountant's Maintenance	108.18	
		$608.18
Treasurer's Salary	$600.00	
Treasurer's Maintenance	265.63	
		$865.63
Tax Collector's Salary	$600.00	
Tax Collector's Maintenance	472.11	
		$1,072.11
Assessors' Salaries	$550.00	
Assessors' Maintenance	249.50	
		799.50
Town Counsel		$225.00
Town Clerk's Salary	$200.00	
Town Clerk's Maintenance	301.03	
		$501.03

Elections and Registrations:		
Registrars	$125.00	
Election Officers	356.00	
Printing and Stationery	105.50	
Loud Speaker System	50.00	
Grange Hall Rent	20.00	
Labor	10.00	
		$666.50
Elector, Oliver Smith Will		$10.00
Finance Committee Clerk		$25.00
Executive Secretary's Salary		$1,700.64
Town:		
Fuel	$113.70	
Lights	42.53	
Telephone	186.53	
Janitor	289.05	
Repairs	16.48	
Window Installation	293.78	
		$942.07
Town Shed:		
Fuel		$108.27
Total General Government		$8,448.91
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department:		
Salaries	$200.00	
Labor	798.00	
Special Police	141.00	
Legal Counsel	75.00	
Equipment	85.58	
Mileage	249.50	
Dog Tax Collection Fees	23.70	
Telephones	107.65	
Court Fees	116.01	
		$1,796.44

Williamsburg Fire House Addition		$253.00
Fire Department:		
Salaries	$426.00	
Labor	728.26	
New Equipment	1,509.71	
Fuel	486.37	
Telephone and Lights	591.28	
Insurance	148.78	
Equipment Maintenance	1,034.89	
Training	593.59	
Water Holes	50.25	
Building Maintenance	361.61	
		$5,930.74
Sealer of Weights and Measures		$100.00
Tree Warden Department:		
Tree Warden	$782.26	
Moth Work, Local	72.53	
State	250.62	
Dutch Elm Disease	303.39	
		$1,408.80
Total Protection of Persons and Property		$9,488.98

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salary	$100.00	
Administration	77.42	
Hampshire County Sanatorium	628.62	
Barn and Animal Inspection	45.00	
Slaughter Inspection	26.00	
Town Dump, Care and Maintenance	617.90	
Town Dump, Rent	200.00	
Garbage Collection	2,800.00	
Rubbish Collection	412.50	
Well Child Clinic	291.12	
		$5,198.56
Visiting Nurse		$1,325.00
Total Health and Sanitation		$6,523.56

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Chapter 81		
Labor	$6,222.31	
Town Equipment	2,637.00	
Private Equipment	3,656.25	
Gravel	1,090.00	
Colprovia	674.40	
Cement	2.40	
Culverts	566.09	
Catch Basin	96.22	
Tar	430.36	
		$15,375.03
Winter Highways:		
Labor	$4,460.35	
Private Equipment	1,475.73	
Sand	219.75	
Town Equipment	2,087.50	
Road Repair, Winter Mix	33.30	
Lumber	34.79	
Salt	528.80	
Fence Posts	20.00	
		$8,860.22
Bridges and Railings:		
Tools and Equipment	$114.88	
Town Equipment	34.00	
Reinforcement Rods	230.16	
Cement	69.25	
Fence Posts	42.50	
Planks	266.81	
Labor	236.15	
		$993.75
Street Lights		$3,056.87
Tool Account		181.59
Chapter 90 Construction:		
Labor	$2,338.38	
Town Equipment	690.50	

Private Equipment	4,938.13	
Gravel	1,108.45	
Cement	6.00	
Cement Blocks	17.69	
Culverts	557.92	
Tar	338.25	
Grass Seed	4.70	
		$10,000.02
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	$565.69	
Town Equipment	448.50	
Private Equipment	101.50	
Gravel	615.87	
Tar	1,268.48	
		$3,000.04
Chapter 90 Construction Special, Route 143:		
Culverts		$429.26
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:		
Gas, oil and supplies	$1,700.48	
Repairs, tires, batteries, etc.	4,059.47	
Insurance	626.40	
		$6,386.35
Total Highways and Bridges		$48,283.13

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Town Aid		$1,381.95
Public Welfare Agent's Salary		$1,659.43
Public Welfare Agent's Maintenance		$200.00
Disability Assistance:		
Local	$5,000.00	
Federal	472.52	
		$5,472.52
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Local	$7,500.00	
Federal	3,424.41	
		$10924.41

Old Age Assistance:		
Local	$24,000.00	
Federal	6,807.46	
		$30,807.46
Veterans' Benefits		$699.70
Veterans' Agent's Salary		$300.00
Veterans' Agent's Maintenance		$149.70
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits		$51,595.17

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools		
General Administration:		
Superintendent	$2,700.00	
Clerical Assistance	1,365.90	
Office Supplies	226.44	
Telephone	259.05	
Travel Expense	168.59	
Miscellaneous	173.95	
Athletics	876.50	
Insurance	1,218.00	
Nurses's Salary and Travel	649.00	
Physicians' Salaries	400.00	
Committee's Salary	350.00	
		$8,387.43
Teachers' Salaries		
Teachers	$65,798.50	
Music Teacher	1,149.84	
Drawing Teacher	584.00	
		$67,532.34
Tuition—		
Smith's School	$5,095.42	
		$5,095.42

Transportation—			
Smith's School	$1,009.00		
Local	7,240.50		
		$8,249.50	
Text Books and Supplies			
Books, High	$139.73		
Books, Grades	2,038.03		
Classroom Supplies	1,483.56		
		$3,661.32	
Janitors' Services and Supplies			
Salaries	$5,237.38		
Supplies	583.67		
		$5,821.05	
Fuel and Light			
Fuel	$2,247.91		
Light	917.73		
		3,165.64	
Repairs	$1,735.56		
			1,735.56
New Equipment	$115.92	$115.92	
			$103,764.18
Rehabilitation Fund:			
Repairs	$1,356.65		
New Equipment	1,952.49		
			$3,309.14
Funds:			
Collins Fund			
New Equipment	$135.00		
Loomis Fund	10.00		
			$145.00
Loomis Fund			
Haydenville School Lunch Room:			
Construction	$1,200.00		
New Equipment	258.01		
			$1,458.01

New Elementary School Construction:			
Construction	$162,105.20		
Site Preparation	16,151.70		
Fees	11,302.83		
Advertising	50.83		
Water Service	980.90		
Travel	11.57		
Financing Fees	708.16		
Land Purchase	3,876.00		
			$195,187.19
Haydenville Library:			
Books	$161.54		
Librarian	81.00		
Janitor	19.50		
Repairs	30.00		
Insurance	16.38		
Supplies	5.10		
Fuel	13.00		
Lights	12.00		
			$338.52
Total of Schools and Libraries			$304,202.04

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:			
Recreation and Equipment			
Janitor	$19.80		
Band	40.00		
Equipment	39.70		
Hallowe'en Party	10.00		
		$109.50	
Athletic Field			
Labor	$276.00		
Tools	2.65		
Repairs	105.80		
Gas and oil	9.86		
		$394.31	
			$503.81

Town Clocks		$102.19
Memorial Day		$150.00
Printing Town Reports 1953		$343.90
Wood Lot		$7.95
Total Recreation and Unclassified		$1,107.85

ENTERPRISE AND CEMETERIES

Water Department:		
Pipe Line Maintenance	$3,314.49	
Water Shed	605.06	
Chlorinator Maintenance	683.60	
Additional Water Supply	1,094.52	
Administration	140.99	
Collector of Water Rents	150.00	
Caretaker, Chlorinator	100.00	
Caretaker and Supply	100.00	
Caretaker, Water Shed	100.00	
		$6,288.66
Water Department Tool Building		$172.21
Workmen's Compensation	$1,000.82	
Retirement Fund, Town's Share	894.01	
Retirement Fund, Employee's Share	791.33	
Federal Withholding Tax	11,697.26	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	789.20	

Collector's Costs and Fees	202.55	
Business Machines	639.00	
Check Returned	15.25	
Cemeteries		
Mountain Street Cemetery	$75.00	
Old Village Hill Cemetery	61.00	
		$136.00
Total Enterprises, Cemeteries and Unclassified		$16,165.42

POST WAR AND TRUST FUNDS INCOME

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	$125.000	$125.00
Trust Funds:		
Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	$80.00	
A. S. Hills Charity Fund	150.00	
Cemetery Fund	39.76	
		$269.76
Trust Funds:		
Deposit, O. G. Spelman Fund	$10,000.00	
Deposit, Henry M. Hills Fund	5,000.00	
		$15,000.00

AGENCY

State Park and Reservations Tax	$368.78
State Audit	1,244.92

County Tax	8,467.84	
County Dog Taxes	583.80	
		$10,665.34

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest on Water Loan	$130.63	
Interest on New Water System	495.00	
Interest on County Extension	192.50	
		$818.13
South Street Water Extension Note	$500.00	
New Water System Note	2,000.00	
Sanatorium Extension Note	2,000.00	
		$4,500.00

REFUNDS

1953 Poll Tax overpayment	$4.00	
1953 Real Estate	3.24	
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	125.11	
1954 Poll Tax	10.00	
1954 Real Estate	238.32	
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	480.80	
		$861.47

Total Payments	$484,515.63
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	$273,841.58
	$758,357.21

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		$273,841.58
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953		
Personal Property	48.60	
Real Estate	2,005.01	
		2,053.61
Levy of 1954		
Personal Property	4,164.29	
Real Estate	22,768.47	
Water Liens 1954	398.25	
		27,331.01
Tax Titles	380.53	
Tax Possessions	192.43	
		572.96
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,133.68	
Old Age Assistance	863.55	
		1,997.23
Water Department:		
Rates	1,287.30	
Miscellaneous	309.43	
		1,596.73
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	11.09	
Levy of 1954	1,709.65	
		1,720.74

State and County Aid to Highways		6,991.02
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund		5,300.00
Chapter 81, Highways		1,991.02
Chapter 90, Highway Construction, Special, Route 143		429.26
		$323,825.16

LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$1,090.44	
County Retirement System	69.59	
		$1,160.03
Dog Licenses due County		21.00
Tailings		54.33
Trust Fund Income:		
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	1,025.42	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	521.72	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	313.50	
Electa Waite Charity Fund	210.32	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	165.07	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	462.06	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	572.49	
Collins School Fund	1,551.43	
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	966.97	
Byron Loomis School Fund	213.08	
Ethel Curry School Fund	62.50	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	286.06	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	133.35	
		$6,483.97
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		774.00
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance		
Administration	163.12	
Assistance	1,428.12	

Aid to Dependent Children		
Administration	333.16	
Aid	1,658.05	
Old Age Assistance		
Administration	1,683.31	
Assistance	5,873.49	
		11,139.25
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans and Eng.		12.00
School Athletic Fund		1,212.45
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue, General	13,013.30	
Non Revenue:		
New Elem. School	165,131.31	
		178,144.61
Road Machinery Fund		6,904.14
State Aid to Highways		6,991.02
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		7,406.59
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953	2,053.61	
Levy of 1954	1,311.11	
		3,364.72
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	1,720.74	
Tax Title and Possessions	572.96	
Departmental	1,997.23	
Water	1,994.98	
		6,285.91
State Park Tax	1.45	
County Tax	654.97	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	70.58	
		727.00
Water Available Surplus		2,748.07
Surplus Revenue		90,396.07
		$323,825.16

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	$117,800.44
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in custody of Trustee	3,694.07
	$121,494.51

Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	$16,432.21
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,423.45
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	36,947.77
Byron Loomis Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,264.22
Helen E. James School Fund	3,694.07
Henry W. Warner Fund	5,410.45
	$121,494.51

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$276,500.00
	$276,500.00

Water Main, South Street Extension Loan	$4,500.00
Water Main, Sanatorium Extension	6,000.00

Underground Water Supply Loan	21,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	245,000.00
	$276,500.00

Assessors' Report

The method of computing the tax rate for the year 1954 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	$201,683.04	
Taken from available funds in 1954	164,142.20	
State Parks and Reservations	452.60	
State Audit	1,244.92	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	321.20	
County Tax	9,172.03	
Overlay of Current Year	5,756.62	
Gross Amount to be raised		$382,772.61

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Income Tax	$25,364.72
Corporation Taxes	6,820.47
Reimbursement of Publicly Owned Land	105.88
Old Age Tax	849.11
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,800.00
Licenses	4,000.00
Fines	50.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Health and Sanitation	500.00
Charities	3,900.00
Old Age Assistance	14,500.00
Veterans' Services	175.00
Schools	9,900.00
Libraries	25.00
Interest: on Taxes and Assessments	625.00
Spelman School Fund	1,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	$80,665.18

Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	$164,142.20	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		$244,807.38
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property:		
Polls, 552 @ $2.00	$1,104.00	
Total Value Personal Property $224,683.00 @ $69.00 per M	15,503.13	
Total Value Real Estate $1,758,813.00 @ $69.00 per M	121,358.10	
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property		$137,965.23
Water Liens added to taxes	$480.25	
Total Amount of 1954 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to collector		$138,445.48

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Ch.

VERNON P. WEST

JOSEPH DYMERSKI

Report of Water Commissioners

January 17, 1955

In 1954 we used the additional water supply only twice. The first time we pumped for nine days because the chlorinator was out of order. In the nine days a total of 2,561,600 gallons was pumped. The second time it was used we pumped for 12 days due to water shortage. This time we pumped 1,143,000 gallons.

Our routine work was carried out as usual. There were seven new entrances installed and seven old ones renewed. Five hydrants were repaired and the new six inch line to the school was completed.

It was voted by the water commissioners at the January meeting to raise the water rents, in most cases, by fifteen per cent. In some instances they were raised more. This was necessary to bring in more revenue. The costs of the Water Department are going up each year. The system, being more than fifty years old, is beginning to show the effects of old age. As each year goes by now, more and more work will have to be done. The commissioners regretted having to raise the rents, what with a raise in taxes and exerything else, but if the Water Dept. is going to maintain its mains and service there must be money to do it with.

A house to house survey was made this year by the water dept. to correct the records. In some cases there had been additional outlets installed and in others there were some removals. But on a whole there was enough increase to warrant the survey.

On the department budget this year, we found that in order to have maintenance money enough to take care of anticipated and known work next year, we had to cut expenses everywhere we could. We did away with the salary of Collector and combined the work of caretaker of water shed and caretaker of pump. We cut chlorinator expenses and pump funds. The net outcome was, we were able to increase pipe line maintenance by $1,000.00 and only increased the whole budget by $100.00. The collection and billing of water rents can well be done by the Town Secretary, she agreeing to do it, as it will fill in when she has no other work to do.

Howard Sanderson resigned as Water Commissioner the first of May, when he found that the duties of water dept. and Fire Chief were too much. David Dewey was appointed to fill his vacancy. Robert Wells retired at the end of this year due to health, and Ralph Mason, Jr. retired at the same time for business reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wells, Chairman

Ralph Mason, Jr.

David Dewey

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Labor, chainsaw & truck cutting and disposal of trees	$408.02	
Hampshire Tree & Landscape Service	140.00	
New England Tree Expert Co.	9.00	
Harry W. Warner, Jr. chainsaw & labor	173.52	
Robert S. Loomis, labor	80.76	
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	106.50	
Walter E. Kellogg, chainsaw	31.88	
Paul Waite, tree climber	57.00	
Fred G. Dewey, truck	70.13	
James O'Brine, labor	8.75	
		$1,085.56

Number of trees cut	12
Number of trees cabled	3

Storm damaged limbs and trees removed.

Hurricane damage—
10 blown down trees removed
2 damaged trees cut and removed

3 dead elms and several other trees should be removed this year

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 1954

In the spring this town cooperated with the State in an aerial spraying project against gypsy moth damage. This project was based at Barnes Airport in West-

field. The town was found to be heavily infested and the spraying, done by C-46's, helicopters and small planes, destroyed the moth caterpillars before too much damage was done.

Paid to State as town's share	$250.62	
Labor	72.53	
		$323.15

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY
Tree Warden & Moth Supt.

Library Report

Mrs. John Winne became our librarian in June upon resignation of Mrs. Demerski. She has been aided in her work by several of the older Girl Scouts.

This fall we had new cellar stairs made, the elm tree on the river side of the building trimmed, and the brush cut.

Books added in 1954	79
Books discarded	5
Books on hand	3,165
Circulation	3,521
Fines	$7.56

The Account of Expenditures for the year will be found in the Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE E. SANDERSON
LORA S. PHINNEY
LULA B. SMITH

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

A Well Child Clinic was held in each village school.

Work was done in Haydenville to correct faulty drainage near the school playground.

The Board operated the Garbage Collection in accordance with the State cooking laws. Materials which won't cook, that are included in the garbage, have been a problem. The Board requests more care in this matter as damage to the cooking equipment will be expensive.

The Board has maintained careful inspections of our animals and slaughters with the able work of our inspectors.

The eating and drinking establishments in town have been inspected by the Board.

The Board still finds that the dump is a problem child. Efforts have been made to find a good location to replace the Mountain Street dump, without success. We have employed a very able caretaker and have tried to limit use of the dump to townspeople during posted days and hours.

The Board wishes to ask all who use the dump to please dump over the embankment away from the road. The cooperation of people who use the dump, in keeping it neat and clean will mean less expense.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET NELSON, Ch.
JOSEPH HOBBS, M.D.
BERNARD REARDON

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and Holidays.

Twelve accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Two persons received injuries (none fatal).

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Five licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

Twenty-nine summonses served for outside departments.

One warrant served for outside department.

Two accidental shootings.

Thirty-six complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	9
Vagrancy	1
Speeding	7
Stop signs	2
Operating after revocation	1
Operating without license	1
Driving so as to endanger	1
Driving left of the center	1
Following too close	1
Driving under influence	6
Failing to have windshield stickers	4
Assault and battery	1

Contributing to delinquency 1

Thirty-two pleaded or were found guilty.

Four found not guilty—thirty-four males, two females.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

The Fire Department of Williamsburg consists of two companies No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed assistant fire chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 32 alarms answered as follows:

6 Chimney Fires

6 House Fires

11 Grass and Brush Fires

8 Calls to Haydenville Dump

1 Call to Tar Trailer

During the year, there were 22 fire drills held with the fire-fighters.

350 open air fire permits were issued. 225 bottled gas and 175 oil burner inspections were made.

The pump on the Williamsburg fire truck was repaired. Four new tires and one 2½ in. gate valve were put on.

A Reo truck with a 900 gallon water tank and a 150 gallon per minute pump was added to our equipment. This provides better fire protection for areas where three is little or no water.

The sirens in both villages have been repaired and it is recommended that a new larger one be installed in Williamsburg, at the engine house, in the near future.

The engine house in Haydenville is badly in need of extensive repairs. It is felt by the Firefighters that a new bulding, in a different location, would be practicable inasmuch as the present building is too small and is in a very poor location.

A needed roof ladder was added to the Haydenville truck, also two 20 lb. dry powder extinguishers for oil and gas fires. Five new fog nozzles for modern fire fighting were also added to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON

Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen

Town of Williamsburg

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway, reported that the total of 392 calls were made during the year. Sixty-five of these calls were no charge calls.

The Annual Well Child Clinic was held in June with Dr. Fredrica Smith attending Pediatrician. One hundred and thirty-three children were examined.

We present for your inspection the following financial statement:

Receipts for 1954			
Collections for calls by the nurse		$255.00	
Gifts from user of a hospital bed		5.00	
Total			$260.00
Payments made in 1954			
Gasoline for nurse's car		$132.50	
Old Age Tax paid for nurse (Social Security)		19.50	
Supplies for nurse:			
1 syringe	$2.50		
2 needles	.60		
paper towels	.38		
alcohol	.49		
	$3.97	3.97	
Phone calls		1.76	
3 mattress covers		11.94	

Back rest		2.00
Payroll book		.55
Rubber sheeting		7.16
		$179.38

Salary paid nurse—net	$1,211.30		
Income tax withheld	124.20		
Old Age Tax withehld	14.50		
	$1,350.00		
Less town appropriation	$1,325.00	Difference 25.00	$204.38
Excess of receipts over disbursements			$55.62

The nurse's salary is $25 per week, and she has one week's vacation with pay. Therefore the town appropriation is for 53 weeks at $25, a total of $1,325. Because Friday is payday and the year began and ended on Friday there were payments made in this calendar year for 54 weeks instead of 53.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hemenway, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth W. Sherk, Chairman, Tel. 295	1956
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Secretary, Tel. 260	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1955
Stanley Soltys	1956
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Tel. 227	1955

SUPERINTENDENT

Lucius A. Merritt	Tel. 229
Office, High School	Tel. 4421

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Marion G. Warren, Williamsburg	Tel. 515

SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 266
Dr. Charles Wheeler, Haydenville	Tel. 260

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Barbara Swanda, Williamsburg	Tel. 572

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg Tel. 4762
Charles Sabo, Williamsburg Tel. 3581

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

At call of Superintendent

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. 4421

TEACHERS

	Tel.
Principal, Anne T. Dunphy: Latin, Civics Haydenville	4781
Peter P. Ball: Science 30 City View Ave., W. Springfield	4-3648
Robert M. Branch: Math., History 61 Meadow Street, Florence	4554
Mrs. Frances M. Grinnell: Commercial 32 Conz Street, Northampton	1348
Mrs. Lula B. Smith: English Haydenville	282
Earl F. Tonet: History, French, Athletic Coach 29 Maple Street, Florence	3079-W
Principal, Edith D. Foster: Grade 7, Williamsburg	4211
Martha L. Dickerman: Grade 8, 106 Main St., Spencer	8391
Nelle A. Dolan: Grade 6, Haydenville	3693
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge: Grade 5, Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden: Grade 4, Williamsburg	3557
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn: Grade 3, Williamsburg	3891

Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom: Grade 2, Haydenville 522
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton: Grade 1, Williamsburg 537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

TEL. 4912

TEACHERS

Principal, Margaret Trainor: Grades 7 and 8 Haydenville 4732
Mrs. Marion Hickey: Grade 5 and 6, Haydenville 4301
Mrs. Priscilla Kostek: Grades 4 and 5, Haydenville 4733
Mrs. Ruth Nash: Grade 3, Williamsburg 3344
Mrs. Doris Tilley: Grade 2, Williamsburg 4485
Mary Crampton: Grade 1, Haydenville 3221

SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1954

	5-7	7-16	16 Yrs. or over	
Williamsburg				
Boys	33	105	14	
Girls	23	96	10	
Total	56	201	24	281
Haydenville				
Boys	18	84	8	
Girls	26	86	11	
Total	44	170	19	233
Combined Total	100	371	43	514

RECORD OF SERVICE

Miss Nelle Dolan 46½ Years
Dr. Charles Wheeler 45 Years
Miss Anne T. Dunphy 41 Years

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955-1956

Wednesday, September 7, 1955 — Schools open

Friday, October 7, 1955 — Franklin County Teachers' Conference Schools closed

Wednesday, October 12, 1955 — Columbus Day
Schools closed

Friday, November 11, 1955 — Armistice Day
Schools closed

Wednesday, November 23, 1955 — Thanksgiving Recess
Schools closed at regular time

Monday, November 28, 1955 — Schools open

Wednesday, December 21, 1955 — Christmas vacation
Schools close at regular time

Tuesday, January 3, 1956 — Schools open

Friday, February 17, 1956 — Winter Vacation
Schools close at regular time

Monday, February 27, 1956 — Schools open

Friday, March 30, 1956 — Good Friday
Schools closed

Friday, April 13, 1956 — Spring Vacation
Schools close at regular time

Monday, April 23, 1956 — Schools open

Wednesday, May 30, 1956 — Memorial Day
Schools closed

Friday, June 8, 1956
Elementary schools close for summer

Tuesday, June 19, 1956
High School graduation

Wednesday, June 20, 1956
High School closes

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Year 1954

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources		$103,764.18
Income on Account of Schools:		
1. General School Fund	24,794.53	
2. Transportation Reimbursement Chapter 679	4,641.74	
3. Smith School Reimbursement (Include industrial training, etc.)	2,660.96	
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen	2,687.21	
5. Supt. Reimbursement	1,398.79	
6. State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,004.20	
7. Cash Sent to Treasurer	32.25	
Total Income		37,219.68
Net Expenditures from Local Taxation		$66,544.50

Report of School Committee

Greetings:

The school department has again accommodated more students in the past year than in the year before. We were faced with a first grade of 37 students in the Helen E. James School. Lack of space forced us to divide the grade into a morning and afternoon session. Transportation to take the pupils in the morning session home at noon was provided. This plan, a last resort at the time, seems to be working satisfactorily. Reports from the school show that more progress has been made in the first grade in spite of the curtailed length of the school day. This is an excellent example of the greater achievement that can come from smaller classes.

We made unanticipated, extensive repairs to the heating plants in both school buildings. This expense, coupled with an increased number of students at Smith's School and the added transportation mentioned above, led to overspending our budget by $3,427.18. The bulk of this overdraught was covered by the Finance Committee and the balance of $689.64 was taken from the Collins Fund. We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the Finance Committee.

This school year will see the end of split classes in the Williamsburg System. With the new Anne T. Dunphy School and a Junior-Senior High School system, we anticipate a continued improvement in our educational offerings. We hope to draw more tuition students from the neighboring towns.

The School Committee lost a valuable and conscientious member when Warren McAvoy resigned last

August to become Town Accountant. Although we will miss his advice based on years of experience, we are happy that he is near at hand and we wish him well. Miss Eleanor Mansfield was elected by the committee and the selectmen to serve on the committee until a replacement is regularly elected.

Our relations with the Superintendent, school staff, and parents have been satisfying. We thank them all for their patience and support.

KENNETH SHERK
Chairman

January 10, 1955

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Spt. of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the thirty-fourth in the present series and the fifty-third since the formation of the original school union. This is the second report since Southampton and Westhampton joined us to form Union #58.

The great history making event for our schools during 1954 has been the building of the new school at Williamsburg. It will be ready for use in September 1955. The building is of cinder block and brick construction. There will be six modern classrooms for grades one through six, a large gymnasium-auditorium which will serve the community as well as the school children, a modern cafeteria, teachers' room, principal's office, a conference room, and the superintendent's office. The gymnasium has been needed for many years. Now, our games, dramatics, assemblies, and graduations can be held in suitable surroundings. The building committee of which Mr. Norman Graves is chairman deserves a great deal of credit for seeing this project through successfully. It is a beautiful building of which the town may justly be proud.

The new building with the extra space it provides will make it possible to offer an expanded program of education and services for the youth of this town and the surrounding areas. The School Committee has voted that the six-six plan is the most desirable for our community because it is necessary to have a six grade elementary school in each village. Thus it becomes prac-

tical to organize a Junior-Senior High School in the present Helen E. James School Building.

The program which this new organization of our schools will have will include the three courses of study now offered in our senior high school, physical education and guidance. The juniors, the seventh and eighth grades, will have a departmentalized program of classes which will include all of the present grade subjects in longer periods, physical education and guidance. The science classes will make use of the high school laboratory. If it can be arranged with Smith's School, courses in home economics and shop work will be made available and credits given toward graduation from Williamsburg High School. These changes will bring to our town more and greater opportunities for all of our young people.

There was only one change in our teaching staff at the end of the year in June. Mr. Raymond Drew who had served as the art instructor decided to give up teaching and devote his time to his own painting. He has since been appointed curator of the George Vincent Smith Art Gallery in Springfield. We were sorry to lose him. To fill that vacancy, Mrs. Richard B. Warren of Williamsburg was appointed. Mrs. Warren is a graduate of Smith College where she studied art. She had one year of teaching experience at the Albany Academy for Girls. She is doing fine work for our boys and girls.

The high school was organized for Setpember with the following arrangement: Principal A. T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and guidance; Robert Branch, five classes in math., one in U. S. History, also audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, six classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, assembly programs; Mrs. Francis Grinnell, three classes in typing, one in office practice, shorthand, bookkeeping and junior business, also school publications;

Earl Tonet, two classes in French, one in problems of democracy, world geography, world history, coach of boy's athletics, and driver education; Olive Healy, one in chorus and one in orchestra; Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, coach of girls' basketball.

This school offers a college course, a general course, and a commercial course. As a special, a course in automobile driving is offered to young people who are near the age when licenses may be obtained. We are especially indebted to the F. N. Graves Company who through their manager, Richard Graves, have presented the school a new car to be used in this work. Besides the regular work, students may take part in girls' and boys' athletics, glee club, orchestra, school plays and publications. The school is in session eight periods a day from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. The tuition rate is $200 per year.

Because of lack of playing space, we have had to use the Smith's School arena for basketball practice and games. Thanks are extended again to Smith's School for this help. Both teams have made good progress and have been well trained by their coaches. Here again, everyone will be happy to have the new gymnasium to use.

At the Helen E. James elementary school eight classes were in operation as follows: Principal Mrs. Edith Foster, grade 7; Miss Martha Diickerman, grade 8; Miss Nellie Dolan, grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; Mrs. Sophie Eaton, grade 1, two sessions.

The Haydenville School had six rooms in operation: Principal, Miss Margaret Trainor, grades 7 and 8; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grades 5 and 6; Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3; Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

The special subject supervisors were Miss Olive Healy in music, Mrs. Richard Warren in drawing, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss in penmanship.

Our teachers are well educated and trained for the work they have to do. Each year they take courses in education in order to be informed of the latest methods. They are interested in the growth and training of all children under their care. This year they have had another successful year. Their splendid services are sincerely appreciated.

Our health department has had another successful year. It has been under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Charles Wheeler as school physicians. Dr. Glade P. Hall has been our dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda our school nurse. The usual examinations and clinics have been held. No epidemics have been reported. This department has provided good protection for the health of our children during the year.

Special mention should be made here of the long and faithful service of Dr. Charles H. Wheeler who has been school physician for 45 years. The schools and the town are grateful for the efficient manner in which he directed the health program at the Haydenville School. His fine work is deeply appreciated.

The school department has supported 33 pupils in Smith's School where trade training and agriculture are available. Smith's School is now changing to a trade high school with a four year program. With a few exceptions, these pupils are doing good work. Transportation by bus ticket is furnished to all who desire it.

Our janitors have given the usual attention to the school buildings. Both boilers had to be repaired, and are now in excellent condition. Conversion to oil burning equipment has been postponed. The supervision of

buildings and the good work rendered by these men is sincerely appreciated.

The bus routes on which children have been transported are as follows: the North District, the Chesterfield Road and Searsville District, Haydenville and Mountain Street, South Street and Nash District. Tickets on the street railway buses are provided for 33 Smith's School students. One hundred and seventy-two elementary and high school pupils were carried safely during the year. These local buses cover 75.6 miles per day. Commendation is extended to these operators for the safe and efficient transportation provided.

The preservation of the ideals of our government, of freedom under law, and our democratic way of life depends more and more on the work of our schools. The opportunity for free education through the high school has become the accepted goal for all of the children of all of the people. This is the greatest undertaking of any nation on earth. Our hope lies in its success. May we all, during the coming year, work together toward the success of this ideal.

To principals, teachers, janitors, and all others, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine way in which the business of the school was carried on during my illness.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Members of the School Committee for their cooperation and help during 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT

Supertintendent of Schools

School Nurse

Mr. L. A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954:

Dr. Hobbs was assisted with physical examinations of all pupils in Williamsburg. No defects were found.

Dr. Wheeler was assisted with physical examinations of all pupils in Haydenville. No defects were found.

Four pupils were taken to the County Sanitorium in Leeds to be X-rayed.

Four girls and one boy were sent to Camp Hodgkins from Haydenville. Much physical improvement was noticed.

All children were weighed and measured.

At each school visit, a conference was held with each teacher.

Miss Sullivan, State Nursing Supervisor, from Amherst has visited me several times. Her suggestions were most helpful.

Mrs. Foster has started a daily attendance book which has been most helpful in finding which child is absent and how many times.

Most of the illness of the children seems to be the common cold with severe coughs.

One case of mumps has been reported.

Many conferences were held with Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

There has been a great improvement in the lunches this year.

Several children were treated for minor cuts and bruises caused by falling.

One pupil was X-rayed at the hospital and treated for a fractured foot recevied on the way to school.

All the children were tested for hearing defects with the audiometer. Several retests were done and these children finally passed the test.

Dr. Glade Hall, the school dentist, completed 145 treatments in Williamsburg and 138 treatments in Haydenville.

Most of the pupils have been vision tested and several defects have been corrected.

Classroom inspection has been done and several children were given slips to take home because of dirty heads.

Sanitary inspection was done and found to be in good condition.

Many home visits were made and most parents were found cooperative.

In November, I spent one day at the University of Massachusetts learning about the change of glasses in the vision machine. The glasses or our new machine had to be taken to Northampton to an optometrist to be checked. This was done and they were found to be the required strength.

I wish to express my thanks to the Rotary Club for their purchase of this much needed vision machine, also to Mr. Merritt, all teachers, and Miss Harris for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Swanda, R.N.

School Nurse

State Audit

BALANCE SHEET OF TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

March 27, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,		$186,284.57
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1952:		
Personal Property,	$442.40	
Real Estate,	933.30	
		1,375.70
Levy of 1953:		
Poll,	$4.00	
Personal Property,	1,207.71	
Real Estate,	9,903.09	
		11,114.80
Levy of 1954:		
Poll,		186.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1952,	$163.81	
Levy of 1953,	484.53	
Levy of 1954,	842.04	
		1,490.38
Tax Titles,	$287.03	

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes,	$869.45	
County Retirement System,	55.47	
		$924.92
Dog Licenses—Due County,		39.60
Collector's Costs,		32.45
Tailings,		54.33
Trust Fund Income:		
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund,	$1,002.92	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund,	368.44	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund,	276.00	
Electa Waite Charity Fund,	183.72	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund,	145.82	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund,	487.06	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund,	497.49	
Collins School Fund,	1,602.10	

Tax Possessions,	192.43	
		479.46
Departmental:		
Disability Assistance,	$233.44	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,653.41	
Old Age Assistance,	1,220.59	
		3,107.44
Water Department:		
Rates,	$2,021.23	
Miscellaneous,	409.37	
		2,430.60
Revenue 1954,	$200,579.04	
Less Estimated Receipts Collected,	-9,369.33	
	191,209.71	
Water Receipts—to be Collected,		2,089.19
Loans Authorized:		
New Elementary School,		245,000.00
Due from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,		15,000.00
Underestimates—1953 Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations,	$82.37	
County Tax,	49.22	
		131.59

Onslow G. Spelman School Fund,	238.62	
Byron Loomis School Fund,	111.54	
Ethel Curry School Fund,	37.50	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund,	123.36	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund,	58.25	
		5,132.82
Old Age Assistance Recoveries,		774.00
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	$130.48	
Assistance,	489.10	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	162.31	
Aid.	1,211.15	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	1,334.80	
Assistance,	3,775.22	
Federal Works Agency—Water Plans and Engineering,	12.00	
		7,115.06
School Athletic Fund,		990.25
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	$194,607.41	
Non-Revenue:		

Overlay Deficit:		
Levy of 1954,		20.00
		$659,919.44

New Elementary School Construction,	115,000.00	
		309,607.41
Loans Authorized and Unissued,		245,000.00
Road Machinery Fund,		2,024.74
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		5,939.38
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1952,	$1,375.70	
Levy of 1953,	2,250.10	
		3,625.80
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	$1,490.38	
Tax Title and Possession,	479.46	
Departmental,	3,107.44	
Water,	2,430.60	
		7,507.88
Surplus Revenue,		71,150.80
		$659,919.44

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Water Main South Street	
Outside Debt Limit,	$36,000.00	Extension Loan,	$5,000.00
		Water Main Sanitorium	
		Extension Loan,	8,000.00
		Underground Water Supply Loan,	23,000.00
	$36,000.00		$36,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer,	$121,964.99
In Custody of Trustee,	3,694.07
	$125,659.06

In Custody of Town Treasurer:		
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund,	$16,432.21	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund,	5,574.25	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund,	3,000.00	
Electa Waite Charity Fund,	1,773.51	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund,	700.00	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund,	5,000.00	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund,	5,000.00	
Collins School Fund,	12,423.45	
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund,	36,947.77	
Byron Loomis School Fund.	7,436.51	
Ethel Curry School Fund,	1,000.00	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund,	6,508.30	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund,	3,004.77	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	1,325.00	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	15,839.22	
		$121,964.99
In Custody of Trustee:		
Helen E. James School Fund,		3,694.07
		$125,659.06

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7,605.31

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